

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) A tool, comprising:
a body member having a longitudinal axis;
a blade fixed to said body;
an arcuate support spaced from said longitudinal axis and having a length; and
a web substantially spanning said arcuate support and said body along said length of said arcuate support.
2. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 1, wherein
said body member includes a first and a second body end, said blade fixed at said first body end; and
said arcuate support having a face, said face includes a first face end and a second face end, said first face end being fixed to said body adjacent said blade, said second face end spaced from said body between said first body end and said second body end.
3. (Original) The tool of claim 2, wherein said face includes a portion between said first face end and said second face end being substantially wider than said blade.
4. (Currently amended) The tool of claim 1, wherein
said arcuate support having a face, said face of said support transverse to a midline of said face is substantially linear;
said web is substantially planar; and
said face is substantially perpendicular to said web.
5. (Original) The tool of claim 1, further comprising a handle adjacent said second body end.
6. (Original) The tool of claim 5, further comprising a loop hanger fixed to at least one of said body and said handle.
7. (Original) The tool of claim 1, wherein said blade defines a pair of forked tines.
8. (Original) The tool of claim 7, further comprising reinforcing beads along at least one of said tines and a central portion of said blade.
9. (Original) The tool of claim 1, wherein said body includes an I-beam cross-section.

10. (Original) The tool of claim 1, wherein at least one of said body, said blade, said arcuate support, and said web are integrally formed from a composite material.

11. (Original) A tool, comprising:

a body member having a longitudinal body axis and a first and a second body end;

a blade fixed to said body; and

a support having a face, said face having a first and a second face end, said face defining a midline connecting said first and second face ends, said midline located in a plane coincident with said longitudinal body axis, said face being arcuate along said midline.

12. (Original) The tool of claim 11, further comprising a web coupling said body member to said support along said midline.

13. (Original) The tool of claim 12, wherein said face includes a portion between said first face end and said second face end being substantially wider than said blade.

14. (Original) The tool of claim 11, further comprising a handle fixed to said body adjacent said second body end.

15. (Original) The tool of claim 14, further comprising a loop hanger fixed to at least one of said shaft and said hanger.

16. (Original) The tool of claim 12, wherein said blade includes a pair of forked tines.

17. (Original) The tool of claim 16, further comprising reinforcing beads along at least one of said forked tines and a central portion of said blade.

18. (Original) The tool of claim 12, wherein said body includes an I-beam cross-section.

19. (Original) The tool of claim 12, wherein at least one of said body, said blade, said arcuate support, and said web are integrally formed from a composite material.

20. (Original) A method of making a tool, comprising the steps of:

forming a body member having a first and a second body end;

forming a blade fixed at said first body end;

forming an arcuate support fixed to said body between said first and second body ends;

and

forming a web fixed between said body and said arcuate support.